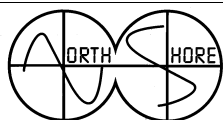


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The Wednesday Evening Net.

From: Will and Howie

Every Wednesday night at 8:00pm on VE3OSH the North Shore Amateur Radio Club holds a 2M net. William -va3wew- and Howard -ve3tyq- will be net control. We are asking all members to please make an attempt to check in. Without check-ins the net will cease to be. Please let everyone you know that is a ham about the net and encourage them to check in too. I know everyone will do his or her best to help.

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100th anniversary of the
first AM voice broadcast by
Reginald Fessenden on
December 24, 1906.

<http://www.rac.ca/news/canada.htm>

Special Canadian prefixes authorized

At the request of Radio Amateurs of Canada, Industry Canada has authorized all Canadian radio amateurs to use special event prefixes for the months of December 2006 and January 2007, to mark the 100th anniversary of the first AM voice broadcast by Reginald Fessenden on December 24, 1906.

Reginald Fessenden, who was born in East Bolton, Quebec, on October 6, 1866, and lived until July 22, 1932, was the holder of more than 500 patents on a wide variety of subjects, and the inventor of radio as we know it today.

He is particularly known for: The first voice transmission by radio in 1900, the first transatlantic two-way radio communications in January 1906, and the first radio broadcasts of entertainment and music in December 1906.

On Christmas Eve, 1906, from a transmitting station in Brant Rock, Massachusetts, he sent a short program, which included the song O Holy Night played on the violin and a reading from the Bible. A second short program was broadcast on December 31, 1906.

Canadian radio amateurs are authorized to use the following special event prefixes during the period 1 December 2006 to 31 January 2007 inclusive:

CF for VA stations
CG for VE stations
CH for VO stations
CI0 for VY0 stations
CI1 for VY1 stations
CI2 for VY2 stations.

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From the Chair in the Shack

Well, fellow members, the year has slid by, however ungracefully, and we are about to have our annual celebration. Quite apart from the religious meaning of the season, there is a very good reason for us to celebrate the health and continued activity of our club.

As you will find out, the packet network is in the process of a rebuild and our node is scheduled to be installed on the ridge, the repeater move is gathering steam and we are being asked to involve ourselves in the usual public service activities. Even HF is picking up after a couple of years of tough contacts.

Your club needs your input as to the kinds of program that we should see at meetings. If the club is going to interest you, we need to know what would be of interest to you. There is a huge selection of things that qualify as "ham" and your interests might well get someone else keen again after a loss of interest. Please let your executive know of any ideas you might have. Better yet please write them down, however briefly, so that we can remember to deal with them.

With four basic students and one advanced student the classes are passing quickly and we should have some new members soon to ask us for help and advice. If you are asked, give a helping hand. Nothing raises our own interest and knowledge than finding answers for a "newbie". Just teaching the course has me questioning some ideas I've taught for years and finding new ways to understand them. For yourself, don't forget to ask others what they think of your plans and get feedback. It's great fun all around.

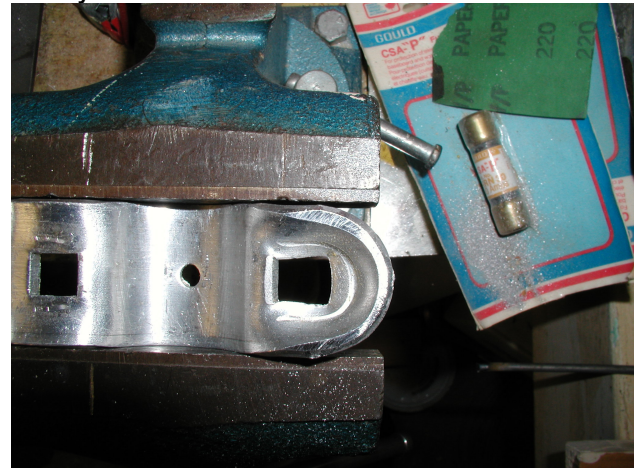
Finally, have a fresh year as good or better than the last. All the best wishes to you and your friends and families. May we all

make the New Year a super one by our efforts.

73 de Pete

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It must be a Canadian "thing" to go on and on and on about the weather, BUT with weather like this you have to admit it is newsworthy. This unusually balmy weather has allowed me to pick through my boxes and drawers and buckets of junk in my quest for an antenna mount. Of course my wife doesn't understand the need to have "stuff" around just in case I might need it some day. The old aluminum hinges clamps for a wire gate, originally suited for 1.5 inch pipe now fit the 1.25 inch mast very nicely thanks to a few minutes with a file.



They'll hold the 2M J-pole at the very top of the mast. I'm perilously close to being able to join the Wednesday night net.



Various washers and a lag bolt are being pressed into service. I really don't even remember buying them. They've been in

the drawer for who knows how long. Those chunks of wood leaning against the wall in the shop will shortly be used as the mount for the mast.



And the crowning achievement is the quarter inch steel rod salvaged from the remnants of an election sign, which is now a brace. Not only did I get to use some of my stuff, I also got to fire up the propane torch and heat up bits of steel to bend them into a brace. What could be better than that eh? I've learned too the value of having a piece of pipe to use as a mandrill to get the bend just right.



I'm still working on having the right amount of heat in the right place. It's funny how standard things that are listed in my Dad's grade 8-shop textbook seem to be so far out of consciousness today. Go figure. No matter how much I like PCs, you can't use a PC to bend steel. At least not with any of the programs I have. I should have taken more pictures. But when you're holding a lit propane torch in one hand and a quarter inch steel rod in the other taking pictures is

way down the list of things you should be thinking about.



I wish you all the very best for the Christmas season. Enjoy the Holiday and may the New Year be your best one ever.

Your humble scribe
Ken
VE3RMK

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